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## CONCRETE SHIPS

Industry and a Practical Solution of a Pressing Problem — Description of Concrete Shipbuilding—Speed U. S. Tonnage

(By Anton S. Rosling)

Our youngest industry celebrates its 70th anniversary. Lusty industry was born in 1849 when the first concrete ship was built there. It has never given up its child which it now has reason to be proud of. The concrete ship is supplying France with a tonnage and much needed attention to the overtaxed merchant marine.

In the meantime other countries have adopted the new industry as a successful plan. Norway, for example, has placed her ships in the ranks of concrete shipbuilders. Her ships are now carrying goods to England and Norway, defying waves, storms and submarines. She has several established plants building concrete ships, barges, tugs and dry docks on orders from other countries.

Our own country the origin of concrete ship industry dates back 1890, when an enterprising American while stranded in Central America made a row boat of this material. It was not until 1910, however, that the industry was put on a commercial basis. In that year a concrete ship was built at San Francisco for the harbor. This, our first commercial attempt at concrete shipbuilding, was followed at short intervals by the building of other barges for use on our various rivers and harbors.

Two years ago, no attempt was made in any country to build concrete ships for ocean service. But our naval architects have not been asleep. Several practical designs for such vessels have been brought out. One large vessel of this type has been under construction at Redwood City, Cal., during the past few months and has just been launched as this is written. This ship is of 4,500 tons capacity and will, when completed, be placed in the trans-Pacific service.

While it is, for obvious reasons, impossible to state what ships are being built by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, where they are being built, the matter of concrete ships has been subject of full investigation and that contracts for vessels of this type have been placed with the U. S. Navy, also, as well as neutral allies, also, as well as neutrals, have placed their approval of type of ship construction by engaging the field to increase their tonnage.

Sufficient experience has thus been gained to enable shipbuilders to avoid errors of design and construction and give them confidence in their material. Confidence has given them courage to engage in the construction of concrete vessels of any type, large or small, and for any type of service. Concrete shipbuilding may, therefore, be classed as one of our established, though new, industries. It is an industry that is capable of tremendous influence on our entire future economy.

But important as are the possibilities of developing a new and large industry, the matter of greatest national concern at the present time is the effect of concrete shipbuilding on the conduct and ultimate outcome of the war. The influence of concrete in this field is such that it can be said that it is the greatest possibility of a state of development. The superior structural qualities of concrete ships and their adaptability to all types of construction are so well known that the United States government, following the lead of the Allied governments, has urged the construction of concrete ships.

It is my personal opinion from the experience I have gained through building concrete ships, that the construction of concrete ships is a large enough for transporting munitions, supplies, troops, etc., to France. No one at the present time can state with any certainty what limitations in size there may be for concrete ships. This new type of shipbuilding must naturally be developed gradually, just like the steel ship, and it is not too much to say that it will be a matter of time before it will be as good as steel ships.

For nearly a year her health has been failing and in the last three months she rapidly grew worse. During this time she and Mr. Fauver have been at the home of her son, Lowell and Mrs. Fauver's children, of whom she thought a great deal, tenderly cared for in this last illness. The funeral was held at the home of her son on Tuesday afternoon, with burial at Wauseon cemetery.

## NEW WHEAT CONSERVATION

New Program for Wheat Conservation Issued by Herbert C. Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator—Homes, Restaurants, Retailers.

Statement Issued by Herbert Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator

"If we are to furnish the allies with the necessary proportion of wheat to maintain their war bread from now until the next harvest, and this is a military necessity, we must reduce our monthly consumption to 21,000,000 bushels a month as against the normal consumption of about 42,000,000 bushels, or 50 per cent of our normal consumption."

"Reserving a margin for distribution to the army and for special cases, leaves for general consumption approximately one and one-half pounds of wheat products weekly per person. Many of our consumers are dependent upon bakers' bread. Such bread must be durable and therefore requires a larger proportion of wheat products than cereal breads baked in the household. Our army and navy require a full allowance."

The well-to-do in our population can make greater sacrifices in the consumption of wheat products than can the poor. In the household First—Householders to use not to exceed a total of 1 1/2 pounds per week of wheat products per person. This means not more than 1 1/2 pounds of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and about 1/2 pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, etc., for breakfast, all combined.

By Public Eating Places Second—Public eating places and clubs to observe two wheatless days per week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition thereto, not to exceed one aggregate of 2 1/2 pounds of wheat products per person per week. This means not more than 1 1/2 pounds of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and about 1/2 pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, etc., for breakfast, all combined.

Our program calls for the production of not less than 6,000,000 tons of shipping in this country for the purpose of organizing a concrete shipbuilding plant here. As his ships, built in Norway, are now plying the waters between Britain and England, he is something of an authority on this subject. In a recent interview he has given expression to the following views on the subject.

Concrete ships can be built with materials and labor that at the present time are not required in other shipbuilding. In other words, by building concrete ships we can conserve common unskilled labor and tonnage without depriving the steel shipbuilding yards of their skilled mechanics, without depriving them of the structural steel manufactured through building steel ships, without depriving the heavy lumber required for building wood ships, without making use of the skilled carpenters necessary for the wood ship construction.

Concrete ships are built with materials that otherwise would be practically not used for war work at all. The principal materials needed are Portland cement, sand, gravel, and steel reinforcement of the ordinary type used for building purposes. Concrete unskilled labor can be employed for the greater part of the construction.

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RECEIPTS

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Chas. H. Jordan, donation	5.00
Walter Caddell, donation	5.00
Stella Westfall, membership	1.00
Sale of emblems	10
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller, membership	2.00
Wauseon Fire Department, donation	50.00
Iris Neta, membership	1.00
Metamora Branch, supplies	44.42
Dr. P. J. Lenhart, donation	5.00
Amroseaux, donation	1.50
Reese Campbell, receipts of a dance	4.75
Delta Branch, supplies	207.70
Simon Klopfenstein, membership	1.00
Swanton Branch, 556 annual members	276.00
Leo Conroy, subscription member	1.25
Hans Erickson, same	1.25
J. R. Murbach, same	1.25
E. J. Kreiger, same	1.25
Swanton Branch, 20 lbs. wool	46.00
John Steinbruecker, membership	1.00
Tedrow Auxiliary, memberships	7.00
Lyons Branch, supplies	28.40
W. R. C. donation	5.00
West Branch, membership	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McLaughlin, membership	2.00
Floyd McLaughlin, membership	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Orndorf, membership	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Linn, donation	2.50
Archbold Branch, 7 memberships	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Fowler, donation	10.00
Fayette Branch, membership, Cora Wise	1.00
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Total	\$902.77

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Sons of men whose red blood filtered Down the slopes of Bunker Hill, And whose fathers wiped out slavery Freedom's spirit conquers still. Let us whip old Billy Kaiser. With the instincts of an ape, Who despoils a peaceful country And its fairest women rape. Buy a Bond!

There's a call to each one's manhood, No matter what his race or creed; Put a stop to baby killing, Selfish lust and brutish greed. Let us overthrow this Kultur. Which preclaims that might is right. Strip, my fellow-men, for action; Aid the Nation in the fight. Buy a Bond!

Though you may not cross the waters To uphold our glorious name, You can keep your own well polished bayonet from the scum of fame; You can do your duty nobly To that one who offers all On the Nation's bloody altar; Who for right doth fight and fall. Buy a Bond!

Let us weigh each ounce of muscle, All we own, and every thought, On the Nation's scales of Justice; Only thus can peace be bought. Grab a spoke, my friend and neighbor, With all strength that you possess; Help to move the heavy cannon And relieve the country's stress. Buy a Bond!

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## OLIVE BRANCH

The pupils of the school are having a corn testing contest, and also taking up club work. Miss Stella Hagerman, the teacher visiting relatives at Jasper, Mich., over Sunday. District Superintendent H. M. Jay and Miss Nellie Logan, the boys and girls' county club leader, visited the school Monday.

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